

Amendment to the claims:

1. (Previously presented) An ostomy pouch for receiving human body waste from a stoma, comprising inner and outer pouches, the outer pouch includes a curved periphery and a sliding zipper fastener on the outer pouch configured to permit re-closeable opening of the outer pouch along part of the curved periphery for replacement of the inner pouch, wherein the outer pouch is attachable to the body and includes a first aperture for accommodating a stoma, and the inner pouch comprises a second aperture, said first and second apertures being at least partly aligned for communication when said inner and outer pouches are in an operative position, the inner pouch being removably securable directly or indirectly to the outer pouch by a separable coupling, the separable coupling permitting replacement of the inner pouch by a replacement inner pouch, the re-closeable opening on the curved periphery being adequate in length to permit folding of an outer pouch wall so as to facilitate access to the separable coupling.

Claims 2-10 (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) The ostomy pouch of claim 1, wherein the separable coupling is an adhesive coupling.

12. (Previously presented) The ostomy pouch of claim 1, wherein the inner pouch is configured for (i) removal from the outer pouch, and (ii) disposal in a flushable water closet.

13. (Previously presented) The ostomy pouch of claim 12, wherein the outer pouch is configured for re-use with a replacement inner pouch.

Claims 14-16 (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) The ostomy pouch of claim 12, wherein the inner pouch comprises water disintegrateable or water dispersible material.

Claims 18-22 (Canceled)

23. (Previously presented) The ostomy pouch of claim 1, wherein the sliding zipper fastener includes at least one zipper track and a movable slider, the slider comprising one or more track engaging surfaces having a characteristic to accommodate a curvature of the path of the slider along the track.